

# PsyCuraDat: Developing curation criteria and standards enabling the sustainable (re)use of psychological research data

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## Background & Purpose

The project PsyCuraDat (funding no. 16QK08) was created to develop method-specific curation criteria and standards for psychological research data, enabling the data's long-term interpretability and reusability. Three years of empirical research finally led to the development of a user-friendly documentation standard called **D-Psy-FAIR**.

## Benefits

The D-Psy-FAIR standard...  
 ... offers a **simple and easy to adopt way of organizing psychological research data** for your workgroups research process.  
 ... enables a more **effective and efficient documentation and reuse of psychological research data**.  
 ... guarantees the **data's longterm interpretability and reusability**.  
 ... embodies the principles of **Open Science** and enhances the **sustainable use of research data**.



## Sustainable Data Documentation in 4 Steps

### Step 1 - Write a Study Description

Provide information on these aspects:

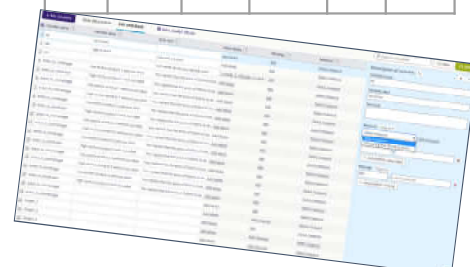
- Authors (Names, ORCID ID),
- Study Title & Abstract
- Objectives & Hypotheses
- Sample & Design:
  - Inclusion & Exclusion Criteria
  - Population
  - Sampling Method & Sample Size
  - Setting
  - Methodological Approach
  - Number of Measures
  - etc.



### Step 2 - Create a Codebook

Provide at least the following information for each variable. A codebook can also be easily created using our documentation tool **DataWiz 2** (<https://datawiz2.dev.zpid.de/>).

Variable name	Label	Item text	Value labels	Missing	Measure
ID	Participant ID				
Age	Age in years	How old are you?		999: No answer	Paper / Pencil
Sex		What gender do you identify with?	1: Female 2: Male 3: Non-Binary	999: No answer	Paper / Pencil



### Step 3 - Data Preparation and Analysis Steps

Describe your data preparation and analysis steps by adding helpful comments to your syntax files:

- Illustrate transformations carried out to prepare your data, (i.e. re-coding, scale values)
- Provide a short description of each analysis that you have carried out

### Step 4 - Graphical Overview of the Research Data Process

Describe all the important steps in the research data process.

Start with the project / study structure picturing the research design and its implementation. Next, move on to the various research methods that you have used, and finish with mapping everything to your dataset.

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* Encoding: UTF-8.
****Use file 'Study1_Data.sav' to reproduce analyses for Study 1

**Screening for multivariate outliers

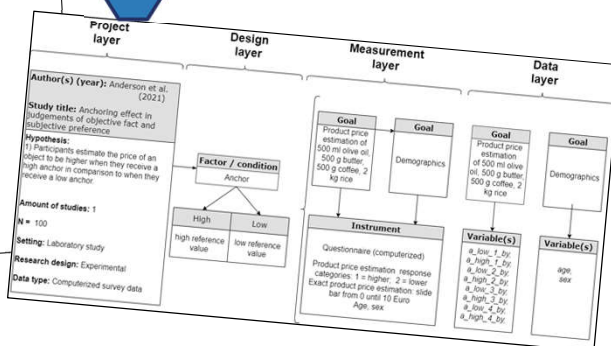
REGRESSION
/MISSING LISTWISE
/STATISTICS COEFF OUTS R ANOVA
/CRITERIA=PIN(.05) POUT(.10)
/NOORIGIN
/DEPENDENT VPIN
/METHOD=ENTER Emo_mean Mind_mean FourN_mean
/SAVE MAHAL.

COMPUTE Probability_MD=1- CDF.CHISQ(MAH_1,3).
EXECUTE.

**Set filter:
* Probability_MD has to be p <=.001

USE ALL.
COMPUTE filter_$=(VPIN >= 100).
VARIABLE LABELS filter_$ 'VPIN >= 100 (FILTER)'.

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Scan the code and start documenting your data sustainably now!



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